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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

RETURN TO OLATHE.

The Second District Convention Meets Again.

Two New Candidates From Wyandotte County.

DICK BLUE—PERHAPS

A Possible Outcome of the Convention.

Funston's 39 Votes Believed to Be Still His.

OLATHE, Kan., May 22.—The Second district Republican congressional convention will re-convene at 4 o'clock this afternoon, but what will be the outcome of the convention is of no more certainty than when the delegates went home last Saturday.

Billy Buchanan, who since the convention adjourned on Friday asserted that he was confident the nomination would go to a Wyandotte county man, had no intention of bringing out a host of candidates from his own county, but two Kansas City lawyers are nevertheless being groomed and one of the two may be presented to the convention this afternoon.

These new candidates are Judge H. N. Alden and W. R. Smith. Both are recognized as good lawyers, but neither of them has ever been thought of in connection with a congressional nomination before this.

Another dark horse being talked of is W. W. Martin of Fort Scott. Mr. Martin has lately been in Washington, but when he heard of the deadlock in the convention here he started for home and is now on the ground.

Another possible outcome of the convention is the nomination of Dick Blue. Blue has for several months been a candidate for congressman at large, but now that things in his own district have so shaped themselves that a leader is wanted he would gladly become their Moses.

The other candidates for congressman-at-large are anxious that Blue may be taken up by the Second district, which will give some one a better show in the state convention.

The friends of Charley Smart, who was in the lead when the convention adjourned on Saturday, are confident their man will be nominated when the delegates are called to order this afternoon, while Senator Parker's friends have not given up hope that the Johnson county legislator may yet get the nomination.

Farmer Funston's 39 votes are still his and the Allen county statesman hopes yet to be re-nominated.

3:30 p. m.—The candidates and all the delegates are on hand to resume the contest in the congressional convention in this city at 4 o'clock. Buchanan was the first to arrive, coming in last night. Howard, Funston and Smart came this morning.

Anti-Funston caucuses are again being held this afternoon, but from what can be learned, the candidates are seemingly as determined to remain firm as when the convention adjourned last Saturday. Many expect a break to be made this afternoon, but there is no foundation for such a prediction. Many, too, believe the anti-Funston compact will be declared off soon, but the signs say not, and the outcome is just as uncertain now as it was when the convention first met last Thursday.

5 p. m.—The convention assembled shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon and proceeded to ballot.

A half dozen ballots were taken with no result.

The last ballot stood:

Funston..... 41

Buchanan..... 39

Parker..... 38

Smart..... 13

Convention adjourned till 8 p. m.

May Out Funston.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—If a quorum of the house elections committee can be secured this afternoon a report will be made ousting E. H. Funston of the Second Kansas district and seating Col. H. L. Moore. The contest has been dragging for weeks, but the Democratic members of the committee have agreed to dispose of the case this week if possible.

TARIFF BILL VOTES.

Senate Rejects a 60 Cent Duty on Iron Ore for a Lower One.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—In the senate today Senator Platt's amendment making iron ore 60 cents a ton, was laid on the table—yeas 32; nays 21.

The finance committee amendment placing a duty of 40 cents a ton on iron ore, was agreed upon in the senate without division at 1:35 p. m.

ALL BUT BRECKINRIDGE.

Women of Lexington Won't Listen to Him in Joint Debate.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 22.—Mr. Owens will speak here on Monday afternoon, June 11. This will be his first appearance here since Breckinridge opened the campaign and plans are on foot to make it a rousing demonstration.

The Owens club has sent invitations to Breckinridge and settle to speak at the same meeting. A complication has arisen as the women of Lexington had been invited to attend and signified their intention of turning out in large numbers. They now say that if Owens and settle debate they will gladly attend, but if Breckinridge accepts the invitation they will have nothing to do with the meeting. It is possible the Owens club may reconsider its action.

White & Kinney Shoe Co. Fails.

CHICAGO, May 22.—The White & Kinney shoe company, whose factory is located at West Pullman, assigned today. Assets \$80,000; liabilities \$40,000. The failure is attributed to the inability of the corporation to make collections.

SUNSET KING'S PLAY.

It Is Shakespearean And Will Be Produced As Campaign Work.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., May 22.—The play which the Populists have promised should be put on the boards as a part of their campaign of reform has at last been written and will soon be presented in Kansas City. The first production will be for the benefit of organized labor of the two Kansas cities.

The author of the play is Judge S. S. King, who was a candidate for congress in the Second district two years ago and who is now police judge of Kansas City, Kansas. In speaking of his play Judge King said:

"I have not named it yet, but it is, in effect a dramatized lecture. The opening scene is from Shakespeare's 'Coriolanus.' A company of mutinous citizens appear upon the stage armed with staves, clubs and other weapons and demand bread. 'Coriolanus' replies contemptuously, saying, 'Would the nobility lay aside their ruth and let me use my sword, I'd make a quarry with thousands of these quarter'd slaves, as high as I could pick my lance.'"

"The next and closing scene is of our present day. The scene is the state house steps, Boston; the time, February 20, 1894. Enter 1,000 hungry citizens, without staves, clubs or other weapons. Governor Greenhalge of Massachusetts replies to their entreaties, much as did the ancient Coriolanus. After leaving the rabble, the governor goes to the banquet hall of the presidents of the life insurance companies of the nation, and there makes a speech of an entirely different character. The exact words of the governor in these two addresses are not given, but the spirit of his remarks are carefully preserved. The effect is to show the relation of labor and capital. It requires about twelve people to play it, only a few of whom have speaking parts."

Judge King then rehearsed a portion of his play for the benefit of the reporter. The judge is something of a tragedian himself, and in the proper make-up, would make an excellent Roman gladiator. He will probably take a leading part in the play, which will assure its success.

SPARED HIM NOT.

A Black Man Lynched in Miller County, Georgia.

ARLINGTON, Ga., May 22.—News has just reached here of the lynching of a negro in Miller county. Three miles from Colquitt lives a family by the name of Smith and they have a 14-year-old daughter who attends a school four miles from their home.

Sunday while returning home alone from school a negro attempted an assault. She fought desperately and the fiend threw her down and stabbed her in the side, and drawing a pistol fired it over her head. The father appeared at this time and the negro turned and fired several shots into his body.

Mr. Smith is badly wounded and is expected to die. The sheriff succeeded in capturing the scoundrel. The young girl and her father both identified him when he was brought into their presence. Yesterday morning a crowd of about fifty men took the negro from the jail to the woods, hanged him to a limb and riddled his body with bullets.

A SAD LET OUT.

Seven Hundred and Fifty Government Clerks Lose Their Positions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—During yesterday afternoon and last night 750 employees in the government printing office received notice from the new public printer, Mr. Benedict, notifying them that their services are no longer needed. This is said to be the heaviest cut ever made at one time in the civil list. About half of those discharged were women. They came out of the old building with tear-stained faces. About 700 more employees in the printing office are to go before Mr. Benedict stops.

LOSS BY THE FLOODS

At Johnstown, It Was About a Hundred Thousand.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., May 22.—A statement of losses caused by the flood, which was given out today is as follows: Pennsylvania railroad, \$50,000; Woodvale proper, \$6,000; Cambria Iron company, \$10,000; business men and property owners in Johnstown, \$16,000; Pennsylvania Traffic company, \$10,000; the city, \$10,000; McConaghey estate, \$6,000; other losses, \$10,000.

SUPREME LODGE K. OF H.

Per Capita Dues Are Increased to Forty Cents Annually.

CINCINNATI, May 22.—The supreme lodge of the Knights of Honor increased the per capita dues of grand lodges to the supreme lodge from 30 to 40 cents annually. New York city was selected over Louisville for the next meeting, the second Tuesday in June, 1895.

The lodge decided that absolute proof of death and not seven years mysterious absence should be required in order to secure an insurance benefit.

BETTER TIMES HERE.

Furnaces Fired Up at Ashland, Ky., And All the Works Running.

ASHLAND, Ky., May 22.—Eight puddling furnaces resumed today at the Norton iron works, while the rolling and nail mills are both on in full force with assurance of a coke supply. The blast furnace will go on next week, placing the entire plant in motion.

Danger Fast at Williamsport.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—Reports from Williamsport and the territory north of there indicate the water is falling as rapidly as it rose. It has ceased raining and the danger may now be regarded as past.

Julia Marlowe to Marry.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The Herald's Washington correspondent gives an interview with Julia Marlowe in which she says she is to marry Robert Taber, her former leading man in New York about two weeks hence.

THE STATE JOURNAL'S Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

WAR IS BREWING.

Coal Mine Owners Give the Men Till May 28

To Return to Work in the Mines.

IF THEY DON'T RETURN

Non-Union Labor Will be Given Employment.

Signs That There Will Be Much Violence.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—An important meeting of bituminous coal miners from the central Pennsylvania region where the miners are now on a strike, was held in this city last evening.

Every operator in the district was present and it was agreed that the men should be given until May 28 in which to return to work.

Failing to do so by that time the mines will be thrown open to whoever seeks employment and those men who decide to go to work will be protected. A resolution was adopted to the effect that the operators unanimously agreed that it is impossible to pay the employees more than their present wages of 40 cents per ton. The resolution says that while the mine owners prefer to have their miners at work, if they do not care to resume, they (the operators) will take such measures as they deem necessary to conduct their business. The territory represented employs between 10,000 and 12,000 miners, all of them being either Irish, Huns or Swedes, the first predominating.

FEAR BRIDGE BURNING.

Ohio River Railroad Taking Great Precautions Against Striking Miners.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 22.—The Ohio River railroad company has posted notices in headquarters here warning all their engineers and firemen to use the utmost caution in approaching all trestles on the line. It is alleged that the officials fear an effort may be made to burn some of the trestles in view of the hauling of non-union coal.

The company from their mines along the line are shipping coal to various parts of the country. They shipped several car loads to Detroit last week. About the only mines in the country now being worked are those in West Virginia and organizers are at work among the miners in this state and establishing unions, and it is thought all the mines will shut down in a short time pending the settlement of the great national strike.

Trains are still being stoned on the Cleveland, Loraine & Wheeling railway west of this city and all bridges are guarded.

THREATENED WITH EVICTION.

Colorado Miners Say They Will Resist Being Driven From Their Cottages.

DENVER, May 22.—State Coal Mine Inspector Reed has gone to Sopris, Colo., in response to a call from the miners. Serious trouble is expected there as the mine owners have imported Mexicans and put them in place of the strikers. The company, Inspector Reed has been informed, has served notice on the strikers that they must give up their cottages, or they will be evicted. The miners declare they will resist eviction, and they also threaten to drive the Mexicans from the camp. Inspector Reed says he will endeavor to prevent bloodshed.

RED INK AND DYNAMITE.

Miners Grow Threatening in the Vicinity of Frostburg, Md.

FROSTBURG, Md., May 22.—The Consolidated Coal company has had injunctions issued against Wilson and about eighty of the strikers. Eighteen sticks of dynamite have been stolen from the Savage mountain fire clay mine near Frostburg. The telegraph wire between Frostburg and the Carlos mine has been cut twice. Letters written in red ink illustrated with skulls and cross-bones were sent to the miners.

TO MAKE MINERS COME OUT.

Seven Hundred Florence Strikers Marching to House After Work.

FLORENCE, Colo., May 22.—Seven hundred miners with flags, preceded by the Coal Creek brass band, started overland to Rouse, 78 miles from here, at 9 o'clock today. They are not armed, but are determined to make the miners in the south come out. Some of the best citizens in the camp are in the army, but the majority are Italians and Austrians. People in the coal camps are becoming desperate.

STRIKERS WITH A BAND.

They Carry the American Flag Although They Are All Foreigners.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., May 22.—At the Stickle Hollow mines of the Washington coal and coke company, twenty men are working. At daylight the strikers assembled at Fayette City, about 100 strong, and arming themselves with shot-guns and revolvers, started for Stickle Hollow to bring the men out. They were led by a brass band and carried the American flag. All were foreigners.

Vanderbilt and Dawson are also the scenes of considerable excitement. About 1,000 strikers marched there to bring out the darkies lately imported into the coke region and put to work. They made a big demonstration but accomplished nothing.

NOT EVEN FOR THE FAIR.

Coal Strikers Prevent Completion of Springfield's Exposition Building.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 22.—The Capital coal company of this city asked the officers of the State Miners' union to allow enough men to go to work to mine coal to supply the Springfield Paving Brick company with fuel to manufacture brick for the exposition building, state fair grounds.

Today the miners' officers refused the

request. State Secretary Guynon said it would establish a bad precedent.

GOOD TIMES AT LEAVENWORTH.

All the Miners are Given a Raise in Wages.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 22.—The Leavenworth Coal company last night announced to its 350 miners a voluntary increase in price of mining of 12½ cents per ton, effective today. This makes the price \$1.12½ for coal screened.

Home mine announced an increase of 10 per cent a ton for mine run coal, making the price 90 cents, which is the same as \$1.12½ after coal passed over screen. Home shaft employs 250 men and its mines are getting in more orders than they can fill, running at full capacity. Miners are jubilant.

The Kansas and Texas company has not decided what it will do. An increase to its local miners would mean a similar advance at all its shafts where there is now trouble.

Leavenworth and Home shafts took aggressive steps to prevent the recurrence of last summer's walk-out. At the advanced price of a great many of the miners will make from \$3.75 to \$5 a day. There is no probability of any strike now.

IN SOUTHERN KANSAS.

Most of the Mines that Have Shut Down are Still Closed.

PITTSBURG, Kan., May 22.—The strike situation today remains much the same as yesterday. The Missouri delegation accompanied by the miners from Midway, Minden, Yale and a few from Frontenac, left last night at 8:30 o'clock to march to Chicago where it was intended that a meeting would be held today but owing to a funeral there today, they will probably remain quiet out of respect.

The same mines are all idle as before with prospects of opening soon.

It is thought by a great many that as soon as the brass band flags, etc., leave the men will return to work, but that is a doubtful matter.

LOADED WITH BUCKSHOT.

Coal Companies at Staunton, Ill., Will Protect Working Miners With Guns.

STAUNTON, Ill., May 22.—The Consolidated Coal company, in order to protect the Staunton miners from strikers, has secured 100 Winchester shot-guns, with several hundred pounds of shells loaded with buckshot, reports having reached Staunton that the strikers intend to return here and force working miners to stop work.

Deputy Sheriff Hoadley intends to protect all men wishing to work if he has to call on every citizen in the city.

Both mines are working full force. Reports from Gillespie state that mine work tomorrow.

WON'T HAVE MARTIN.

Populists Treasure It Up Against Him for His Vote on Sugar.

"I think Senator John Martin will not be renominated by the Populists," said Senator L. P. King of Cowley county to a JOURNAL reporter. "Our people are not well pleased with his action in refusing to vote for the Peffer resolution, asking for an investigation of the sugar deal. I have no idea who will be the Populist nominee, but I think that the sentiment has not yet crystallized on any one."

"I believe that a majority of our people are in favor of the administration and that Lewelling will be renominated." "What about the conversion of Bill Hackney to Populism?" asked the reporter.

"There is nothing whatever in it. Hackney is a delegate to the Republican state convention and is still a Republican. He is however, in favor of many of the reforms we advocate. He is for free silver and the government ownership of railroads and has said that: 'If the Republicans don't take up some of these questions they will get one less vote.'"

NO SCALE ADOPTED.

The Amalgamated Association Has Come To No Agreement Yet.

CLEVELAND, May 22.—The convention of the Amalgamated association of iron and steel workers resumed consideration of the scale question today.

When Secretary Kilgallon's attention was called to the fact that what was claimed to be the scale on all its details as adopted by the present convention, had been published in Pittsburgh this morning he said: "It is impossible. We have not completed the scale, nor can we do so for a day or two at least."

"It may be that the Pittsburgh newspapers have gotten hold of last year's scale and printed it under the impression that it was a new one. I am perfectly sure that nothing has been given out as to the result of the work of the present convention."

Recovered Nothing.

The case in which Wilbur F. Neece was suing the A. & S. F. hospital association for \$30,000, for alleged malpractice which resulted in the loss of an eye, was decided in the district court last evening. The jury failed to find anything for the plaintiff, and decided that there was no ground for the charge of malpractice against Dr. G. F. Wall.

Navajos Off Their Base.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The secretary of the interior today forwarded to the war department a request that the troops of New Mexico be directed to arrest Navajo Indians who, a report to the department says are off their reservations and committing depredations.

Another Arctic Expedition.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 22.—Wm. B. Wolff of this city, has been selected to accompany the arctic expedition under F. A. Cook which is now starting out at Brooklyn. The expedition starts on June 25.

House Will Investigate Carnegie.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The house has adopted the resolution directing the naval committee to investigate the allegations of fraud in connection with the armor plate contract.

Made Twenty-four Knots.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—The cruiser Columbia made twenty-four knots on the natural draught on her deep sea trial and ran steadily at a clock. This beats Cramps trial by about three knots.

EXIT MINISTRY.

The French Cabinet Resigns in a Body Today.

Defeated By a Vote of 275 to 255.

A TRIVIAL QUESTION

Appears to Have Been the Immediate Cause

Of the Downfall of Casimir Perier Cabinet.

PARIS, May 22.—In the chamber of deputies today during the debate on the question as to whether the minister of public works had the authority to allow the employees of the state railroads to attend the congress of railroad men, the premier demanded the adoption of the order of the day pure and simple. The motion was rejected by a vote of 275 to 255.

M. Casimir-Perier, thereupon left the Palais Bourbon.

After the defeat of the government in the chamber, the ministers proceeded to the Elysee palace and handed in their resignations to President Carnot.

MR. STRONG'S MONEY.

Over \$100,000 of It in the Topeka Waterworks—Wants It Out.

Ex-President Wm. B. Strong of the Santa Fe, who now lives in Wisconsin, on January 2, 1882, loaned the Topeka Water Supply company \$120,000, and as security for the loan a first mortgage on the property of the company was executed to him.

In the United States circuit court last evening a suit was filed for the purpose of foreclosing this mortgage. The suit which is a big surprise to the present owners of the water works was filed by the law firm of Peck, Miller & Starr of Chicago.

The water works were sold a few years ago to a new company, which has been known as the Topeka Water company, but this company is now in the hands of the United States court, and Elias Summerfield is in charge of the plant as receiver for the court.

The suit is a surprise, as it has not been generally known that there were any incumbrances dating back as far as 1882, and if this mortgage is held to be good it will have to be satisfied before the later creditors can be reached.

An application was also made for an additional receiver on behalf of Strong, but none will be appointed at present. The suit will come up at the session of the United States circuit court at Leavenworth, June 4.

In connection with this item, it may be said, the law firm of Peck, Miller & Starr, of which George R. Peck is the head, was organized about eight months ago in Chicago and has its offices in the same building in which Mr. Peck's railroad offices are located.

Messrs. Miller and Starr are both well known Illinois lawyers and Mr. Merritt Starr is the man who a few years ago announced the Illinois state constitution.

POLITICS IN IT.

The Cloven Hoof Sticking Out in the Railway Assessment.

The state board of railroad assessors re-assembled again today.

As the matter has been arranged the Populist state convention will have met and adjourned and the election returns have been counted before the public will know what action has been taken by the board.

The board first met on the third Monday in April as required by law but adjourned to May 22 on the pretense ground that the returns had not been received from all the roads and that it was essential that statistics from the county clerks should be collected. As a matter of fact, all the roads had reported except two, a short line eight miles long and a coal switch at Leavenworth.

The board has set the dates on which the tax commissioners of the various roads will be heard as follows: May 23, Santa Fe; May 24, Missouri Pacific and Rock Island; May 25, M. & T. and Union Pacific; May 26, Ft. Scott and Gulf and others.

The hearing will consume the present week and then the board will decide upon the valuation of all the railroad property in the state. This will probably require little less than a month. The reports will then be given to the clerks to work out the valuations and apportion the amounts among the counties, township and school districts in the state which receive a share of the railroad taxes. This will require two months or more and the matter will probably be dragged along until the result of the state election is known.

The actions of the board indicate that the public shall not know until after election what disposition has been made of the assessment, and that the board intend to reduce the assessment, but are afraid to take action until after the election, for fear it will anger the anti-railroad element among the Populists, and defeat the state ticket.

In response to inquiries about the time which would probably be required by the board to make the assessment, Auditor Prather and State Treasurer Biddle, both responded: "I don't know."

ITS TIN WEDDING.

Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church.

Tomorrow evening at the First Presbyterian church will be given a "tin wedding," the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the church.

It will be in the form of a social and

refreshments will be served. No charge will be made for admission and nothing sold. There is a debt on the church edifice at the present time, and an effort is being made to raise the incumbrance.

Donations will be received, but all are invited to come whether with or without money. A short programme has been prepared, and a pleasant evening is in store for those who will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Two thousand invitations have been issued, and already many have forwarded their gifts in the way of "tin alloy" found in silver dollars. The church fully hopes to raise \$2,000 from the donations, which, with the \$1,000 already pledged by individuals, will reduce the mortgage to \$6,000.

The work done by the First Presbyterian church, which has 954 members, has been beneficial to all who live in the city, and it is only fair that citizens contribute to the support of the church.

The following paragraph from the circular issued by the committee will show what would be acceptable: